

## **BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE**

### **Program Description**

The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women was founded in 1973 in order to ensure that women and men have equal opportunity to function fully and optimally as citizens of Bloomington, and as equal participants in the economy, in politics and government, in education, in social development, in the system of justice, and in all other facets of life.

As one of its primary objectives, the Commission on the Status of Women is committed to providing opportunities for leadership development for women of all ages and backgrounds in the Bloomington and surrounding communities. In order to create ever-greater opportunities to cultivate the next generation of women leaders, the Commission has established a Leadership Scholarship Initiative.

- Scholarships will be awarded to women in the general and university communities who are planning to attend a leadership development experience. These experiences can include conferences, workshops, seminars, mini-courses, and additional opportunities for which an applicant can clearly articulate a case for leadership development. The word "leadership" need not be in the title of the experience; rather, it will be up to the applicant to fully explain how the experience will shape her growth as a leader.
- Applicants will complete a brief application form which details all aspects of the leadership experience, including name and theme of the event, location, dates, costs associated, how the applicant will fund the remaining costs of the experience, etc. Applications will include a required narrative that describes the applicant's interest in leadership development, past leadership experiences, learning expectations for the proposed activity, and vision for how the applicant intends to put the leadership learning into practice upon return.
- Recipients of Leadership Scholarships will be required to participate in the Women's Leadership Event, which is sponsored by the Commission each March, and to make a presentation about their leadership growth experience. Members of the Commission responsible for the Women's Leadership Event will work with the recipients to organize compelling and meaningful presentations. In the event that a scholarship recipient is unable to attend the Leadership Event in the March following the leadership development experience for which she has received the scholarship, she may suggest an alternate venue for sharing the knowledge she gained that is appropriate based upon her particular leadership experience.
- The maximum scholarship awarded will be \$500. Scholarships may be awarded in smaller increments at the discretion of the review committee.
- Applications will be accepted beginning April 30, 2009. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis; however, interested individuals are encouraged to apply as early as possible prior to their leadership experience. Applicants will be notified within 5 weeks of submission.
- The Commission prefers to utilize a reimbursement method for payment of scholarship funds (including registration fees, travel and lodging) after the recipient has fully participated in the leadership experience. However, the review committee will consider, on a case-by-case basis, requests from applicants for expenses needed in advance of the leadership experience.
- Applications may be submitted via email to [owenss@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:owenss@bloomington.in.gov), via USPS or by hand delivery to Showers City Hall / 401 N. Morton Street / Community and Family Resources Department, Suite 260 / Bloomington, IN 47402, or via fax at 812-349-3483. Please mark applications to the attention of Sue Owens.
- To learn more about the City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women or to download a scholarship application visit [www.bloomington.in.gov/boards/csw](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/boards/csw).
- Questions? Contact Sue Owens, Program Specialist, at 812-349-3468, or [owenss@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:owenss@bloomington.in.gov).

**Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Scholarship Initiative!**

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**Application Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of Project (Workshop, Conference, Seminar, etc.) including the name and theme of the event. You may also attach a brochure or additional literature.**

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**Date(s) of Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Costs (including travel):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Requested Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete the attached budget form, detailing all expenses and sources of funding.***

**If the total costs of your experience exceed the scholarship awarded, what is your plan for covering the remainder of the costs?**

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**Do you anticipate being available to make a presentation about your experience at the Women's Leadership Development Workshop in March following your leadership experience?** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please attach a narrative (500 word maximum) describing your interest in leadership development, your past leadership experiences, your learning expectations for the proposed activity, and your vision for how you will put the leadership learning from this event into practice upon completion.***

## Budget Information

*Please complete this form, leaving spaces blank when they do not apply to your application.  
Please provide all detail you believe will assist the committee in considering your application.*

*The review committee will look favorably upon applications that demonstrate additional  
sources of funding.*

	Amount	Details
<b>Expenses</b>		
Registration Fee	\$ _____	_____
Travel costs	\$ _____	_____
Lodging	\$ _____	_____
Other	\$ _____	_____
Other	\$ _____	_____
Other	\$ _____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	
<b>Additional Funding</b>		
Source #1	\$ _____	_____
Source #2	\$ _____	_____
Source #3	\$ _____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ _____	